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### Unlocking Parkinson's Disease

### what's new in research and diagnosis

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# Goals for today

- To define PD and its pathology
- To describe our current options
- To outline what's new in diagnosis and treatment



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## Parkinson's disease

### What is it?

# Parkinson's disease – what is it?

- Parkinson's disease is a clinical diagnosis
- It is disease primarily of loss of dopamine
- 60-80% of the dopamine producing neurons are lost before the motor signs of PD emerge
- Non-motor signs often emerge before motor signs
- Dopaminergic neurons are dopamine banks
  - They release what you need
  - and store excess

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Dopaminergic neurons

Dopaminergic neurons

- Cardinal features of PD:
  - Motor:
    - Rest tremor
    - Bradykinesia
    - Rigidity
    - Postural instability







- Cardinal features of PD:
  - Motor:
    - Rest tremor
      - Onset is usually in the hand
      - asymmetric
      - Improves with movement
    - Bradykinesia
    - Rigidity
    - Postural instability







- Cardinal features of PD:
  - Motor:
    - Rest tremor
    - Bradykinesia
      - Slowed movement
      - Decreased facial expression
      - Decreased manual dexterity
      - Decreased stride length and armswing
    - Rigidity

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- Cardinal features of PD:
  - Motor:
    - Rest tremor
    - Bradykinesia
    - Rigidity
      - Muscles resist movement
      - frequently described by patients as weakness or soreness.
    - Postural instability







- Cardinal features of PD:
  - Motor:
    - Rest tremor
    - Bradykinesia
    - Postural instability
      - Stoop/forward lean
      - Festination/retropulsion







# Parkinson's disease

- What underlies the disease?
- Accumulation of an abnormally folded protein: alpha synuclein
- Accumulation starts in two places simultaneously
  - Olfactory bulb
  - Medulla
- Gradually involves adjacent areas







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L Kalia, A Lang. The Lancet 2015



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"I am deeply moved by this breakthrough and endlessly grateful to everyone who has endeavored to bring us this far."

- Michael J. Fox

#### Breaking News: Parkinson's Disease Biomarker Found

The Michael J. Fox Foundation has announced a significant breakthrough in the search for a Parkinson's biomarker.

Read More



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Assessment of heterogeneity among participants in the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative cohort using α-synuclein seed amplification: a cross-sectional study

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- Seed amplification assay: designed to detect and measure the presence of abnormal alphasynuclein protein
- "Seed" represents misfolded alpha-synuclein that initiates larger protein aggregates"
- "Amplification" refers to increasing the amount of misfolded proteins for easier detection

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- Mix biological sample (e.g., cerebrospinal fluid, brain tissue) with normal alpha-synuclein proteins
- Misfolded "seeds" in the sample trigger misfolding and aggregation of normal proteins
- Process is repeated to significantly increase the number of misfolded proteins



### $\alpha$ -synuclein seed amplification: a cross-sectional study of the PPMI

- PPMI: large registry of clinical and biomarker data: 33 clinical sites, 11 countries, 1,400 participants
- 1123 participants from 2010 to 2019: 545 with PD, 163 controls, 51 prodromal, 310 carriers
- Sensitivity for Parkinson's disease was 88%
- sensitivity in sporadic Parkinson's disease with typical olfactory deficit was 99%
- Lower in subgroups including LRRK2 Parkinson's disease at 68%
- sporadic Parkinson's disease without olfactory deficit at 78%
- LRRK2 variant and normal olfaction had an even lower αsynuclein SAA positivity rate 35%



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## Skin synuclein biopsy

- P-Alpha synuclein and Lewy Bodies in skin
- causes: seborrheic dermatitis, sweating dysfunction
- Findings: Loss of nerve fibers across layers of skin
- Frequency of deposits decreases as you move away from center of body
- Problems: Inconsistencies across studies, small sample sizes, most cross sectional
- Variable sensitivity, especially in patients w/o autonomic failure
- Low participation of early PD patients
- not covered by insurance

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• Questions: Best technique, where, when

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### What do we already have?

# Medication choices

- Mainstays:
  - Dopamine
    - Levodopa: 1.5h half life
    - Other formulations: inhaled, long lasting
  - Dopamine agonists
    - Pramipexole, ropinirole, rotigotine
    - Other formulations: injectable, sublingual
- Add-ons
  - Extenders: rasagaline, entacapone, opicapone
  - Antidyskinetics: amantadine, gocovri
  - Anti-tremor: trihexyphenidyl

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How do Parkinson' medications affect the progression of Parkinson's disease and the onset of new symptoms?

- medications are symptomatic.
- They do not have an impact on disease course.
- There are two caveats:
  - Being on medication can allow you to remain more active, which will slow progression
  - Being on medication can allow you to avoid falls



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### What's new?



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- Phase I trials: test in a small group (20–80) *for the first time*.
- The purpose is to learn about safety and identify side effects.





• Phase II trials: The new drug or treatment is given to a larger group of people (100–300) to determine its *effectiveness* and dose, and to further study its safety.





 Phase III trials: The new treatment is given to large groups (1,000–3,000) to confirm effectiveness & dose, monitor side effects, and *compare it with standard treatments*





 Phase IV trials: After FDA approval researchers track its safety in the general population, seeking more information about treatment's benefits and optimal use.



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### Alpha Synuclein target



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- Several strategies:
  - Immunize against synuclein
  - Prevent misfolding
  - Prevent aggregation
  - Promote synuclein breakdown



### Alpha Synuclein target – Passive Immunization – SPARK STUDY

### BIIB054 – Cinpanememab

- Human –derived monoclonal antibody that binds preferentially to aggregated synuclein
- Ph2, randomized, DB, PC
- Population: 357 PD patients (disease duration <3y), no antiPD treatment.
- Treatment: Randomization to escalating doses of Cinpanemab or placebo.
- Administered IV, every 4 weeks for 96 weeks.
- Primary outcome: MDS-UPDRS part I-II-III at 52 and 72 weeks.
- Failed primary end-point and no effect on secondary outcomes: DAT scan, QoL, ADLs).





### Alpha Synuclein target – Passive Immunization – PASADENA TRIAL

### Prazinesumab (Ro7046015/PRX002)

- Binds synuclein with higher selectivity for fibrillar over monomeric forms.
- Ph2, randomized, DB, PC
- Population: 316 PD patients (disease duration <2y), de novo or MAOBI. Over 52 weeks plus second phase of 52 week blinded to dose for all patients.
- Primary endpoint: UPDRS part I-II-III
- Results: Primary endpoint not met at week 52.
- Early vs delayed start group with -2.17 (80% CI, 4.37, 0.03) at week 104 at the MDS-UPDRS III (no changes in DAT scan)
- Ongoing Phase 2b trial: randomized placebo/control: PADOVA





Pagano et al. NEJM 2022

### Alpha Synuclein target – Inhibition of AS misfolding

### UCB0599

- Oral, small molecule, brain penetrant
- Ph1b, randomized, DB, PC
- 21 PD patients and 73 HC at 180 and 360 Primary outcome: safety and tolerability Results: Acceptable safety/tolerability profile and predictable PK
- CSF: Linear increase with increasing dosing.
- Phase 2 ongoing (NCT04658186): ORCHESTRA STUDY
- Enrollment complete


# Alpha Synuclein target

- Several strategies:
  - Immunize against synuclein
    - Cinpanemab (SPARK, closed)
    - Prazinesumab (PADOVA, ongoing)
  - Prevent misfolding
    - UCB7853 (ORCHESTRA, ongoing)
  - Prevent aggregation
    - Anle138b (ongoing, UK)
  - Promote synuclein breakdown
    - IKT-148009 (Inhibikase, ongoing)

Fig. 2 Overview of possible mechanisms underlying GBAassociated PD. Under physiological conditions, wildtype GCase interacts with αsynuclein, forcing α-synuclein degradation (green). In a bidirectional pathogenic loop, functional loss of GCase (e.g., due to GBA mutations) compromises lysosomal asynuclein degradation, causes accumulation of α-synuclein, and results in neurotoxicity through aggregation-dependent mechanisms on the one hand while aggregated a-synuclein inhibits the lysosomal activity of normal GCase in PD patients on the other hand (red)



- Roughly speaking, decreased GBA function means greater alpha-synuclein levels
- Glucocerebrosidase (GBA) is an enzyme that converts glucosylceramide to glucose
- Glu-Cer >>Gcase/GBA (lysosome) >> Ceramide + Glu
- GBA mutations are present in 3 to 30% of patients with PD
- Modifying GBA activity could help people with
  - PD + GBA mutation
  - Sporadic PD with low GBA activity



1.Sardi SP et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 2017;114:2699-2704 2.McNeil A, et al. Brain 2014;137:1481-1495

- Strategies:
  - Glu-Cer >>Gcase/GBA (lysosome) >> Ceramide + Glu
  - Block Glucosyl ceramide formation
    - Venglustat: MOVES-PD
  - Increase GBA function
    - ambroxol: AMBITIOUS
  - Gene therapy
    - AAV9-GBA1 gene: PROPEL



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# **Glucocerebrosidase specific**

### Venglustat

- Glucosylceramide synthase inhibitor.
- Blocks formation of Glu-Cer, GL-1. Excess GL-1 levels accelerate and stabilize formation of toxic AS oligomers.
- Enhance lysosomal or proteasomal enzyme activity to promote clearance of intracellular AS.

### **MOVES PD STUDY**

- Ph2 (NCT02906020) (Gregg et al, Neurology Dis 2022)
- 273 patients, early PD carrying het GBA mutation or other pre-specified variant
- Ph2, multicenter, randomized, DB, PC, to assess the efficacy, safety, PK and pharmacodynamics of GZ/SAR40267
- Results: Not met primary endpoint (MDS-UPDRS II-III)

- Phase 2 trial with ambroxol: AMBITIOUS
  - increases GCase activity in preclinical models (cell lines)
  - 60 patients with PD and GBA mutations
  - 2022-24, in Italy



# **Glucocerebrosidase specific**

### **PROPEL STUDY (B-glucocerebrosidase gene therapy)**

- Ph1/2a ongoing, open label, high or low dose of single intracisternal magna administration of AAV9-GBA1 gene
- Follow up: Up to 5y
- First in human administration
- 24 PD patients with at least 1 GBA mutation
- Ongoing



# LRRK2



LRRK2 dimer

- Mutation LRRK2 in PD: Toxic gain of function
- Increase kinase activity: kinases add phosphate signals to molecules
- Inhibition of LRRK2 kinase activity: Neuroprotective
- Denali Therapeutics: DNL201
- DNL201 reduced phosphorylation of LRRK2 and demonstrated improved lysosomal function in cellular models of disease
- phase 1 and phase 1b clinical trials (122 healthy volunteers, 28 patients with PD)
  - inhibited LRRK2
  - well tolerated
  - demonstrated alteration of downstream lysosomal biomarkers

## **Insulin Resistance**

#### Agonists of the glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor

- Increase transcription of tyrosine hydroxylase, activation of the transcription factor cyclic adenosine monophosphate response element binding protein, implicated in neuronal survival and synaptic activity
- GLP-1 treatment: lower incidence of PD in DM2 patients. DM2 have faster progression (Athauda MDJ 2022)
- Exenatide 2 mg SQ: -3.5 points vs PLA at MDS-UPDRS III (Athauda et al, Lancet 2017)

#### EXENATIDE PD3 STUDY (NCT04232969) - NLY01

Ph3 ongoing. Randomized, PC, DB, 194 patients, HY <2.5, over 48 weeks, 2mg ER SQ Primary endpoint: MDS-UPDRS III (OFF) Estimated study completion: 2024 Ph2 ongoing on 255 early PD patients with 2.5 or 5 mg SQ over 36 weeks Results: Pending

#### LIRAGLUTIDE (NCT02953665). Bresee et al. MDS abstract 2022, P790.

Ph2, concluded. Randomized PC, DB. 63 PD with disease duration >2y, over 54 weeks, 1.8 mg SQ Primary endpoint: NMSS, MDS-UPDRS Part III, MDRS2 Results: Improvement NMSS p<0.05 + PDQ39, MDS-UPDRS II

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#### LIXIPARK STUDY, Lixisenatide (NCT03439943)

Ph2, parallel groups, 2 arms, randomized, PC, DB, proof of concept Completed Dec 2021 Primary endpoint: MDS-UPDRS III Results: Pending

#### GIPD STUDY, Semaglutide (NCT03659682)

Ph2 ongoing. Single center, DB, randomized 126 PD patients, disease duration <1y, over 48 months Primary endpoint: MDS-UPDRS III (OFF state) Results: Pending

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### **Treatment of Early-Stage PD**

#### Concluded

- P2B001 (low dose of ER pramipexole and rasagiline)
- Amantadine, NMDA glutamate receptor antagonist, <u>PREMANDYSK STUDY</u>
- Exercise: aerobic exercise, Long-term TAI-CHI, brisk walking, virtual reality

#### **On-going/Just Concluded**

- TAVAPADON (partial dopamine D1 and D5 receptor agonist) <u>TEMPO-1/-2 STUDY</u>
- Opicapone, COMT-I, <u>EPSILON STUDY</u>
- Exercise: aerobic exercise, treadmill walking, In-home Cycling, smart-phone based exercise





### **Treatment of Early-Stage PD**



- ✓ P2B001 (low dose of ER pramipexole and rasagiline; Hauser et al., Adv Ther 2022 & AAN Congress Abstract 2022, NCT03329508; Olanow et al., MDS Abstract 2022): Phase 3, randomized, DB, parallel group
- 525 Untreated PD patients (disease duration < 3 years)
  - mITT MMRM Principal Analysis of Primary Endpoint Total UPDRS (II+III): Change from Baseline Model Adjusted Means (±SE) of Change from Baseline





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## **Treatment of Early-Stage PD - Exercise**

#### Subgroup of Park in Shape Trial: Jahanson et al, JAMA Neurol 2022

- Randomized, DB (without specifying that one of the programs was considered a control intervention), controlled
- Groups: Aerobic exercise (stationary home trainer, 50-80% HR reserve) vs stretching
- 56 early PD
- Over 6 months
- Intervention: 3 times per week x 3-45 min
- Primary outcome: Cerebral changes in resting state functional and structural MRI, oculo-motor cognitive tasks
- Results: Aerobic exercise, led to increased functional connectivity of the anterior putamen with sensory motor cortex relative to posterior putamen. In addition, lowered changes in brain atrophy (improve preservation of cortico-striatal sensory motor network).

PARK-in-SHAPE trial (Van der Kolk et al, Lancet 2019 -4.2 at MDS UPDRS III in meds OFF (aerobic exercise vs stretching)







### **Treatment of Early-Stage PD - Exercise**

### LONG TERM TAI-CHI – Li et al. Translational Neurodegeneration 2022

95 early PD Randomized to: Tai-chi (N=32), brisk walking (N=31) and no exercise (N=32), over 12 months Results: Statistically improvement of BS (Berg scale) and TUG, significantly better at 6 and 12 months in TAI-CHI group. (p<0.005; p<0.0012)

Retention rate: 32/32 TAI-CHI, 17/31 brisk walking and 17/32 control group



#### BRISK WALKING - Mak et al, Journal of Parkinson Disease 2021

70 PD patients, disease duration <5y Randomized to brisk walking and balance exercise (BW) vs upper limb training group (CON), over 6 months Primary outcome: MDS-UPDRS III (ON), TUG secondary Results: BW group showed greater significant decreases from baseline than CON group in UPDRS III (-6.0 vs -1.4, p<0.001) and TUG time (p<0.01)



### **Treatment of Early-Stage PD - Exercise**

**ON-GOING** 

#### SPARX3 STUDY – Treadmill walking (NCT04284436)

Ongoing, multicenter, randomized, single blind Endurance treadmill exercise to 65% HR vs 85% HR, 4 times/w, 12 months 370 PD, no treatment, age 40-80 Primary outcome: MDS-UPDRS III

#### LTSE-PD STUDY - Aerobic exercise in PD (NCT 13808675)

One year, single-blind, parallel, group, randomized, controlled. Compares the effects of moderate aerobic exercise (50 min x 3/w) vs usual care + health education 100 PD, HY 1-3 Primary outcome: MDS-UPDRS, med OFF

#### Long term Effects of combined balance and brisk walking (150 min/w) in PD (NCT 04665869)

Balance and brisk walking vs strengthening exercise, over 6-12 months 77 PD, HT 2-3 Primary outcome: MDS-UPDRS I and III

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# **Treatment of Advanced PD: Recent and ongoing studies**

Motor fluctuations <u>Concluded</u> Foliglurax, Positive allosteric modulator of the mGlu4R Istradefylline, adenosine A <sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonist (MDS Abstract, P724), ISTRA ADJUST PD	Dyskinesia <u>Concluded</u> IR/ER amantadine OS320 Levodopa-Carbidopa Intestinal Gel Transcranial static magnetic field stimulation		
<ul> <li>IPX203, ER L-dopa/CD (MDS Abstract, P725), RISE-PD</li> <li>KW-6356, selective adenosine A2A receptor antagonist/inverse agonist (MDS Abstract, P743)</li> <li>Subcutaneous Foslevodopa/Foscarbidopa (MDS Abstract, P775)</li> <li>Subcutaneous night-time only apomorphine infusion, dopamine agonist D2,D3 and D5 receptor</li> <li>SC-Apomorphine vs. SL apomorphine (MDS Abstract, P760/769)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>On-going</u></li> <li>Mesdopetam (dopamine D3-receptor antagonist) (Phase 2b)</li> <li>AV-101 (L-4-chlorokynurenine / inhibits the glycine co-agonist site of NMDA receptors) (Phase 2)</li> <li>NIX-112: 5HT1A agonist</li> </ul>		
On-going Motor fluctuations • Tavapadon, dopamine D1/D5 agonist (Phase 3) –TEMPO 3 STUDY	<ul> <li>JM-010 buspirone combined (5HT1A partial agonist) with zolmitriptan (5HT1B/1D agonist) (Phase 2)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Bumetanide – Sodium/potassium/chloride cotransporter isoform 1 antagonist (Phase 2) <u>CUREPARK STUDY</u></li> <li>CVN424 -selective and novel GPR6 inverse agonist (Phase 2)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dipraglurant, negative allosteric modulator of the mGlu5 receptor (Phase 2/3)</li> </ul>		
	OTHERS Gene therapy: NBIb-1817 (Phase1b)		

IPX203: Sponsor submitted information to FDA. Final decision before 6/30/23.







### Motor fluctuations: IPX203 (RISE PD Trial)

#### Ph3, RCT, DB IPX203: ER + IR CD/LD Advanced PD >2.5hr OFF/day 1ry endpoint: Improvement in GOOD On time



#### RESULTS

IPX203: 0.53 hr more GOOD ON time, -0.48hr less OFF time, better PGIC (29.7 vs 18.8 very much or much improved. No changes in UPDRS 3 scores. (p=0.0194) Dosing: 3/day vs 5/day

#### Table 1. RISE-PD efficacy results: Primary and key secondary endpoints

	Week 0 Enrollment	Week 7 Baseline	Week 20 End of Study	p-value
		(Randomization)	(or Early	
			Termination)	
Mean "Good On" time (h)				
IPX-203	9.46	11.67	11.35	
immediate-release CD/LD	9.61	11.72	10.77	0.0194
Mean "Off" time (h)				•
IPX-203	6.15	3.95	4.18	
immediate-release CD/LD	6.05	4.02	4.75	0.0252
Percentage of patients who reported	ed "much improved	or "very much im	proved" scores	on the
PGI-C scale				
IPX-203	N/A	N/A	29.7%	
immediate-release CD/LD	N/A	N/A	18.8%	0.0015
Mean MDS-UPDRS part III score				
IPX-203	29.6	26.9	27.8	
immediate-release CD/LD	29.7	27.0	28.0	0.95874
Mean MDS-UPDRS Sum of part II +	III score			
IPX-203	42.9	38.9	40.6	
immediate-release CD/LD	42.9	39.3	41.1	<b>0.9668</b> <sup>∆</sup>

 $\Delta$  = p-value based on change from Week 7 (Baseline) to Week 20 (End of Study or Early Termination [EOS/ET])

p-value based on comparison of treatments at Week 20 (EOS/ET)

#### POST-HOC

IPX203 increased good ON time by 1.55 hr per dose (3.76hr vs 2.21) c/w IR CD/LD. (p<0.0001)

1. Hauser RA, Espay AJ, LeWitt P, et al. A Phase 3 Trial of IPX203 vs CD-LD IR in Parkinson's Disease Patients with Motor Fluctuations (RISE-PD). Presented at: AAN Annual Meeting; April 2-7, 2022; Seattle, WA, and virtual. Abstract 001225.

2. Hauser RA, Fernandez HH, Klos K, et al. Duration of Benefit Per Dose: Post Hoc Analysis of "Good On" Time Per Dose for IPX203 vs CD-LD IR in the RISE-PD Phase 3 Trial. Presented at: AAN Annual Meeting; April 2-7, 2022; Seattle, WA, and virtual. Abstract 001231.



### Motor fluctuations: Subcutaneous Foslevodopa/Foscarbidopa 24hr/d

Randomized, DB, double-dummy, active-controlled, Ph3 trial

Randomized 1:1 to fLD/fCD (prodrug) 24hr/day infusion (SQ pump) versus oral CD/LD over 12 weeks 74 patients fCD/fLD; 67 patients oral CD/LD

144 PD patients with 2.5 hr motor fluctuations 65 academic centers in USA and Australia

Primary outcome: ON time w/o troublesome dyskinesia

#### Results

Increment of good ON of 1.75 hr/day (2.72 vs 0.97, 95% CI 0.46 to 3.05; p=0.0083 vs CD/LD (and OFF time -1.79 hrs; 2.75 vs 0.96; (95% CI -3.03 to -0.54)

#### **Adverse Events**

85% fCD/fLD, 63% oral CD/LD (SAE: 8 vs 6%) Infusion site AE: erythema 27%, pain 26%, cellulitis 19%, edema 12%).

Premature d/c study: 22% (fCD/fLD) vs 1% (oral CD/LD

Psychosis: 15% (fCD/fLD) vs 3% (oral CD/LD) >>> nocturnal CD/LD?





Figure 2: Least squares mean (95% Cl) of change from baseline in average daily on time without troublesome dyskinesia and off time (full analysis set) Assessed using a 24-h Parkinson's disease diary and normalised to a 16-h waking day. On time without troublesome dyskinesia is the sum of on time without dyskinesia and on time with non-troublesome dyskinesia. Error bars represent the 95% Cl of the least squares mean change from baseline. Day 22 was an optional visit at the investigator's discretion and based on the participant's Parkinson's disease symptoms.

### **Gene Therapy**

#### NBIb-1817

Phase 1b, open label, escalation trial AAV2 gene therapy encoding L-AADC, 3 doses 15 patients advanced PD with motor fluctuations, HY >=2.5 in OFF time and disease duration >5y, over 36 months

Procedure: Intraoperative MRI-guided putaminal infusions

Primary outcome: safety and tolerability

**Secondary outcomes**: LED reduction, motor fluctuations/dyskinesia diary, UDysRS, UPDRS III OFF, PDQ39, CGI-I

#### Results

No vector-related SAEs reported. TEAEs were mostly transient, including headache (11/15) and dyskinesias (4/15) 22-30% reduction in LED in higher cohort doses and global improvement of UPDRS III OFF scores at 36 months. Heterogeneous data for PDQ39.



**Class IV evidence** that VY-AADC01 and the associated surgical delivery procedure were well-tolerated in a population 40–70 years of age with moderately advanced PD

Chadwick et al, Neurology Jan 2022

# - Bluerock therapeutics (phase 1, 2)

- MSK-DA01 Cell Therapy: phase 1 12 patients
- surgical transplantation of the dopamine-producing cells into the putamen.
- Subjects then take medicines to partially suppress their immune system (aimed to prevent the body from rejecting the cells) for 1 year.
- Assessed for 2 years post-transplant.



### Focus ultrasound Sub-thalamotomy for PD

#### Randomized Trial of Focused Ultrasound Subthalamotomy for Parkinson's Disease

**NEJM 2020** 

R. Martínez-Fernández, J.U. Máñez-Miró, R. Rodríguez-Rojas, M. del Álamo, B.B. Shah, F. Hernández-Fernández, J.A. Pineda-Pardo, M.H.G. Monje, B. Fernández-Rodríguez, S.A. Sperling, D. Mata-Marín, P. Guida, F. Alonso-Frech, I. Obeso, C. Gasca-Salas, L. Vela-Desojo, W.J. Elias, and J.A. Obeso

Conclusion: Focused ultrasound subthalamotomy in one hemisphere improved motor features of Parkinson's disease in selected patients with asymmetric signs.

Adverse events included speech (56%) and gait disturbances (48%), weakness on the treated side (22%), and dyskinesia in the OFF condition (19%). Tapered during the study period.

77 pts, 27 subthalamotomy/ 13 sham Mean disease duration 6.2 years Mean age 57.1 (35-74) Mean MDS-UPDRS III: 39.9 OFF, 26.3 Mean LEDD 777.9 mg



Deuschl G et al, Mov disord 2022

### Focus ultrasound Sub-thalamotomy for PD

**NEJM 2020** 



Randomized Trial of Focused Ultrasound Subthalamotomy

for Parkinson's Disease

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### **Non-pharmacological - Freezing of Gait**

### **Multitarget Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation**

DB, randomized 77 PD with FOG Randomized to tDCS vs sham stimulation of the L dorsolateral prefrontal cortex and primary motor cortex (M1) 10 sessions over 2 weeks and 5 sessions once a week

**Primary outcome**: FOG-provoking test performance in MED ON

**Results**: Failed (only improvement of 58% vs 35% patients at Likert scale, secondary outcome

tDCS



### **Ongoing Trials on Gait and Balance**

#### PHARMACOLOGICAL

CHIEF PD: Cholinesterase inhibitor to prevent falls in PD - NCT04226248 Ph3 randomized, PC, over 12 months 600 patients Rivastigmine transdermal HY 1-4, ambulatory but falling Primary outcome: Fall rate

### TAME PD

Physical Therapy, Atomoxetine and Methylphenidate to enhance Gait and Balance – NCR02879136 Pilot, Ph1, single center, rater blind, prospective randomized trial, 2 arm parallel group HY 2-4, over 12 weeks 42 patients Primary outcome: balance

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### **Non-pharmacological - MCI**

Virtual Reality (VR) and Repetitive transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) Randomized, controlled, single-blinded study VR + rTMS vs rTMS vs sham 40 patients with MCI over 3 months

**Primary outcome**: Repeatable Battery for the assessment of Neuropsychological Status (RBANS)

### **Results**:

rTMS-VR group exhibited significantly more improvements in total and delayed memory scores of the RBANS and the visuospatial/executive function score of the MoCA after intervention (p=0.0000-0.0046) and the delayed memory score of the BRANS (p=0.0028)





### PHARMACOLOGICAL

CHIEF PD: Cholinesterase inhibitor to prevent falls in PD - NCT04226248 Ph3 randomized, PC, over 12 months 600 patients Rivastigmine transdermal HY 1-4, ambulatory but falling Primary outcome: Fall rate

### TAME PD

Physical Therapy, Atomoxetine and Methylphenidate to enhance Gait and Balance – NCR02879136 Pilot, Ph1, single center, rater blind, prospective randomized trial, 2 arm parallel group HY 2-4, over 12 weeks 42 patients Primary outcome: balance

# Outline

- Overview of PD
- Disease modifying agents
- Treatment of Early PD
- Treatment of Advanced PD
- Treatment of Non-motor PD symptoms
- Conclusions





## Conclusions

#### **Disease-modifying research efforts**

Alpha-synuclein, GBA, insulin resistance targets Disappointing clinical results on alpha synuclein immunotherapy Good preclinical and immunological response and CSF penetration; different routes of administration Many Ph1-2 ongoing on different targets

#### Early non-motor symptoms

Old D1 receptor role Interesting combination of DA agonists and MAOBI

#### **Motor complications**

IPX203 – new ER oral CD/LD Role of subcutaneous pump fCD/fLD New targets for dyskinesia: JM-010 (serotoninergic agonist) Unilateral STN fUS: Not enough data - Unilateral PD in the context of clinical trials only Larger stem cell trials coming

Difficult populations: Non-motor symptoms, axial symptoms, late PD > cognitive and balance trials ongoing

**Exercise**: Heterogeneous interventions > importance of dose, intensity and duration





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# Who are we?

- Our vision: to provide the best care possible for patients with Parkinson's disease
- To produce excellence through teamwork
  - In the clinical sphere
  - In the research sphere

# Who are our patients?

- 3700 people with Parkinson's disease
  - 2200 at Desai Sethi
  - 1500 at our other locations
- 1900 people with a Parkinsonism
  - 1700 at Desai Sethi
  - 200 at our other locations




## **Clinical team**



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